

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please insert pages 1-5 submitted herewith containing the Sequence Listing into the above-referenced application. In addition, preplace the text at page 55, line 29 through 33 and page 56, line 1 with the following text:

A1 -- Edman N-terminal sequencing determined that the N-terminus of the mature IL-22 protein begins with the residue at position 34 of SEQ ID NO:2 (alanine). Expression vectors were created which fuse a "6x histidine" affinity tag and a FLAG epitope tag to the N-terminus of the mature IL-22 protein. (The added amino acid tag is given in SEQ ID NO:10 and has the following amino acid sequence:

MKFLVNVALVFMVVYISYIYAGSGHHHHHGGSGDYKDDDDKAPISSHCR) (SEQ ID NO: 10). --

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), a marked up version of the specification showing the changes made appears as Appendix A of this Amendment.